

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.: 09/525,369	)	Examiner: N. Wright
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For: METHOD, APPARATUS AND	)	
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT	)	
FOR A NETWORK FIREWALL	)	

**LETTER REGARDING LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

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Sir:

On February 4, 2008, the first Maintenance Fee was paid for U.S. Patent No. 6,772,347 in the amount of \$465.00. However, the fee was inadvertently paid as a small entity. Applicants lost entitlement to small entity status before issuance, as reflected in the payment of the large entity fee for the Issue Fee filed with the United States Patent & Trademark Office on June 22, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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